

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central
5 portion intermediately therebetween, wherein at least one of said top portion and
said base portion comprises a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture
for insertion and removal of food;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided
for facilitating selective opening of said aperture; and

10 at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item
of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom
through said aperture.

2. The food dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said top portion comprises a
15 selectively openable and returnably resilient first aperture and said base portion
comprises a selectively openable and returnably resilient second aperture, said first
aperture comprising a greater length than said second aperture for providing greater
ingress of food into said container, said second aperture providing controlled egress
of food from said container.

3. The food dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said top portion comprises a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing a first aperture.

5 4. The food dispenser of Claim 3, wherein said perimeter comprises a relatively planar configuration for placement of said top portion in a free standing position.

5. The food dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said base portion comprises a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing a second aperture.

10 6. The food dispenser of Claim 5, wherein said perimeter comprises a relatively planar configuration for placement of said base portion in a free standing position.

15 7. The food dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said central portion comprises a front wall and rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion.

20 8. The food dispenser of Claim 7, wherein said lateral sides comprise a first series of ribs adjacent to said top portion, said first series of ribs operating in conjunction with said top portion to selectively open said first aperture.

9. The food dispenser of Claim 7, wherein said lateral sides comprise a second series of ribs adjacent to said base portion, said second series of ribs operating in conjunction with said base portion to selectively open said second aperture.

5 10. The food dispenser of Claim 1 further comprising means for securing said dispenser to an object to facilitate transport of said dispenser.

10 11. The food dispenser of Claim 10, wherein said means comprises a biased clip, one end of said clip affixed to said dispenser and an opposite end of said clip free to move from dispenser to permit securement to said object.

12. The food dispenser of Claim 10, wherein said means comprises a tab having an orifice therethrough, said orifice for hanging said dispenser.

15 13. The food dispenser of Claim 10, wherein said means comprises a chain affixed to said dispenser, said chain for placement about a user's neck, wrist, arm or another similar article.

20 14. The food dispenser of Claim 10, wherein said means comprises a hook affixed to said dispenser, said hook for hanging said dispenser for storage.

15. The food dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said dispenser is fabricated from a relatively soft, pliable polymeric material.

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